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### 1. CODEL MONTGOMERY (CONF)

REPRESENTATIVE G. V. ("SONNY") MONTGOMERY PLANS TO LEAD A DELEGATION OF APPROXIMATELY 10 CONGRESSMEN TO HANOI AND VIENTIANE DURING THE THIRD WEEK OF AUGUST. THE VISIT TO HANOI COMES AS THE RESULT OF AN INVITATION EXTENDED TO MONTGOMERY BY SRV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN. MONTGOMERY INTENDS TO SPEND AT LEAST ONE DAY IN VIENTIANE, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM THE LAO TO OUR QUERY ON HIS BEHALF. AT BOTH STOPS, THE DELEGATION PLANS TO DISCUSS MIA MATTERS, HOPING TO CAPITALIZE ON THE SUCCESSFUL VIETNAMESE VISIT TO OUR HONOLULU MIA IDENTIFICATION FACILITIES.

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### 2. LAOS: LAO CALL ON AID/ASIA BUREAU (CONF)

DURING A COURTESY VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT, LAO CHARGE KHAMTANH THANKED U.S. FOR DONATION OF 10,000 TONS OF FOOD AID TO LAOS, AND ON "INSTRUCTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT," ASKED IF THE USG WOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING TO LAOS "AGRICULTURAL

EQUIPMENT" AND ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING IRRIGATION PROJECTS;  
IT WAS AGREED TO CONSIDER THIS REQUEST.

3. FURTHER TRAVELS OF INDOCHINA LEADERS (SECRET)

CAMBODIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IENG SARY'S MEETINGS WITH THAI LEADERS IN BANGKOK APPARENTLY WERE NOT COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. CONTRARY TO EARLIER EXPECTATIONS, SARY DID NOT GO TO JAKARTA FOLLOWING HIS TALKS IN BANGKOK BUT WENT DIRECTLY TO ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. ONE REPORT CLAIMS THAT INDONESIA DECLINED TO ACCEPT IENG SARY'S DEMANDS ON A JOINT STATEMENT AND THE VISIT FELL THROUGH; ANOTHER REPORT, HOWEVER, ASSERTS THAT THE CAMBODIAN LEADER WILL BE IN JAKARTA TOWARD THE END OF THE YEAR.

MEANWHILE VIETNAMESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH CONTINUED HIS EUROPEAN VISIT, PROCEEDING FROM BONN TO PARIS. IN ASIA, PHAN HIEN COMPLETED VISITS TO SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, MALAYSIA AND BACK TO THAILAND. THE VIETNAMESE MESSAGE HAS BEEN THE SAME IN ALL CAPITALS-- A VIETNAMESE DESIRE TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT, CRITICISM OF CAMBODIAN AND PRC POLICIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, SUPPORT FOR BROADER COMMUNICATION WITH ASEAN, AND A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO APPEAR RECEPTIVE TO U.S. TERMS FOR NORMALIZATION.

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4. CHANGE IN COUNTRY DIRECTORATE (UNCL)

STEPHEN LYNE IS NOW ON BOARD TO REPLACE FRED BROWN AS COUNTRY DIRECTOR. FRED IS GOING OFF TO MACALASTER COLLEGE IN MINNESOTA AS A PIERSON AMENDMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOW.  
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